

# **Project 20-1237 Port Angeles Pumptrack**

## **Letters of Support**

This document compiles letters of support for our proposal from:

- World Pumptrack Champions from the US and Abroad
- Organizations that share facilities at Erickson Playfield
- Area businesses and recreation organizations including local bike stores, youth cycling teams and adventure sports
- Partner cycling organizations
- Letters and drawings from a wide range of community supporters, of all ages.

Letters from World Pumptrack Champions from the US  
and Abroad

May 26, 2020

To Whom it May Concern

My name is Jill Kintner, I am a professional mountain biker, and also a BMX Olympic Bronze medalist from the 2008 Beijing Games, and would like to write a letter in support of the Pump track project in Port Angeles.

Over the years, I have attended dozens of Pro Downhill events at Dry Hill as part of the NW Cup, and have seen Port Angeles thrive as one of the best venues in the US, drawing both local and International talent alike. Port Angeles is a "Bike Town" with amazing trails, good restaurants, beautiful landscape, and now it needs a well thought out skills park for future generations to prosper on 2 wheels.

In my hometown of Bellingham, WA, I was involved with the local Mtb trail advocacy group – Whatcom County Mountain Bike Coalition (W.M.B.C.), to help build a local public pump track. I raised a little bit of money myself to get the project going, and worked with the city council and parks department to ultimately create the first pump track in Bellingham at Whatcom falls park.

The Whatcom Falls Pump track project has been wildly successful, getting more kids and adults outside and off computer screens, which was the purpose of the grant we won (No kid left indoors). It brought our community together through various build days, and also as place to catch up with people and ride. This track offers a safe location to build skills together, learn, and progress as a group. I honestly am amazed at the progress from the kids in my neighborhood in such a short time. Some kids would even get up at 6am before school to ride, showing great passion, and you can outwardly see their confidence grow as humans, which is nice to see.

The trail counter we installed was averaging something like 30,000 visits per month in summer (trips through the gate), in a space that was previously unused flat lumpy grass. Since the grand opening of WF pump track in spring 2018, two more pump tracks have been built in different areas of town, and the demand continues. Another big project is approved that will consider bikers alongside different user groups such as dog owners, parents with small kids, spectators, walkers, etc.

In conclusion, pump tracks are a great boost to any community. You don't need a membership to ride, any bike will work, new people show interest in a healthy activity, and it brings a positive interest close to where people live. People will come from all over to ride a new track, and probably stay to see what else Port Angeles has to offer. It will be amazing!!

I can't wait to come for a ribbon cutting ceremony and to ride the Port Angeles Pump track when it is all built. Please let me know if I can do anything more to help☺.

Sincerely,



3 Time Mountain Bike World Champion  
25 Time National champion (5 disciplines)  
2 Time Pump Track World Champion  
5 Time Queen of Crankworx  
BMX Olympic Medalist

[www.jillkintner.com](http://www.jillkintner.com)

*(P.S. I have done some Tourism videos for the grand opening for Leavenworth, Whatcom Falls, and also in North Carolina for Gaston County Pump track.)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3O1kgTn585c>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Bsa9ZrjBTYk/>

Hello City of Port Angeles,

My name is Kialani Hines and I am a professional Mountain Bike Racer. I specialize in large events like Crankworx, where I took the overall title in 'Pump Track Racing' last year. I was born and raised in Burien, WA where I began racing BMX. I have traveled around the country racing BMX and raced many times over the years in Port Angeles. As a professional athlete, I always encourage healthy and fun ways for families and communities to stay outside and active, especially biking!

As someone who does a lot of traveling specifically for riding bikes, I have been able to experience a few Velosolution Pump Tracks and been witness to the positive impact they have on communities. I've been to Leavenworth, WA , Temecula, CA , Springdale, AR and Cambridge, New Zealand. At each of these tracks there was a mutual theme, kids and families out on bicycles, scooters, skate board..etc. having a great time. One of the most positive things about Velosolution Pump Tracks is that they do their best at not excluding different sports. Pump tracks are meant to bring communities together!

Adding a facility such as this in your community will make a huge positive impact. It gives youth and people of all ages a free way to do something outdoors. It can bring more profit to your local bike shops or stores that sell any types of wheeled sporting equipment. In fact, here in San Diego where I now live, they recently had a pump track open. My local bike shop had never sold a Dirt Jumper Bike which is commonly ridden on Pump tracks. A week after the park was put in the shop had sold three new bikes to people who wanted to get into biking because of the park that was put in. Now this seems small but this is one of many bike shops in SD county that sold 3 bikes in 1 week from a local park opening, that's big! Beyond that, Port Angeles in the biking community is famous for the mountain bike events held at DryHill (one of my favorite places to ride). It would not just be locals who would love to enjoy such a great experience as a pump track. There are so many cities in the area that still do not have facilities like this. It will attract more out of towners to your area who will in turn spend money in your community.

With pump tracks becoming more popular all around the world, it now is a competitive event worldwide. Redbull hosts the 'Redbull Pump Track World Champs' which is now an official UCI event held exclusively on Velosolution built tracks! People travel from near and far to participate in this up and coming event, which is growing each year. This gives the opportunity for Port Angeles to host a world class event that would draw people to the community from far and wide.

The beautiful thing about biking is that unlike baseball and soccer you don't need teams to do it! There are no try outs and there are no "you didn't make the team" to detour you from competing in events like the "Redbull Pump Track World Champs". I grew up an active kid but didn't enjoy most team sports. When I found biking it gave me an outlet to express myself individually. Now I am racing at the top level and competing at races like "Pump Track World Champs" as my career!



I am a firm believer that every city should have a pump track available for anyone to ride. When I was growing up there were not many girls who also loved what I loved. Now I see Velosolution Pump Tracks changing whole communities! A positive, healthy way for communities to share the outdoors is absolutely priceless. This is something that future generations need to stay active and feel connected with their community. I can't wait to see how it can positively impact Port Angeles!

Thank you for your time and I wish Port Angeles all the best,

Kialani Hines



May 16, 2020

To Whom It Might Concern

My name is Danielle Beecroft, I am a professional mountain bike racer from Sydney, Australia. Some of my achievements in Pumptrack include 1<sup>st</sup> Velosolutions Redbull Pumptrack Indonesia 2018, 1<sup>st</sup> Velosolutions Redbull Pumptrack Indonesia 2019, Australian 2019 Pumptrack Champion and #3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 Crankwork World Pumptrack Champion.

I have been racing for many years and have been very lucky to have ridden and seen many different pumptracks around the world.

I have been to Port Angeles to compete and ride the trails because I love the community and how big the bike culture is there. You could say bike riding in Port Angeles is in their blood. I personally think a pumptrack in Port Angeles would be an incredible addition for an already passionate riding community.

A pumptrack will bring opportunity for youth to participate in healthy, outdoor fitness activity and a place to gain and improve bike skills. It would open up the opportunity to expand the riding community and encourage support and enthusiasm for biking.

Let's not forget the amount of people in Port Angeles on skateboards, scooters and inline skates. This pumptrack would provide a great community environment for them too.

Port Angeles could also host regional, national and international pumptrack competitions attracting visitors and riders like myself to experience all the other attractions the area has to offer.

I sincerely hope that I will be riding a pumptrack in Port Angeles in the foreseeable future!

Regards,

Danielle Beecroft



**Letters From Organizations that Share Facilities at  
Erickson Playfield**



May 27, 2020

City of Port Angeles  
321 E 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
Attn: Catharine Copass

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Dream Playground Foundation, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support of the proposed pumptrack at Erickson Playfields in Port Angeles.

The Dream Playground Foundation is a long-standing nonprofit volunteer organization that was created to support, maintain, and fund the eventual replacement of our community's largest and most central play structure: the 12,000-square foot Dream Playground at Erickson Playfields. Since building the playground with over 1500 volunteers in 2002, we have been strong advocates of public engagement and recreation at Erickson, and the pumptrack project aligns extremely well with that effort.

We are convinced that the best way to remake a public space is to draw the public back into it. To that end, we are about 65% of the way toward funding the full \$520,000 volunteer-built replacement of the Dream Playground in June 2021. Our fundraising is all local, and there is no state funding requested for the Dream Playground project. Our goal is to re-create the magic and excitement of Erickson Playfields, and our board feels that this pumptrack would add an ideal and complimentary element for ages at and above the children we serve.

Port Angeles is beautiful, but as a small, rural economy, suffers more than many places from economic hardship and poverty. We have the chance to remake and revitalize our small town through projects of this kind. We urge you to give this grant your strongest consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Methner, President  
Dream Playground Foundation

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing representing the Peninsula Tennis Club, a non-profit club of 50 plus members whose mission is to provide and promote recreational tennis activities to players with a wide range of skills and ages in the small towns and communities of the North Olympic Peninsula. Our primary tennis facility is at Erickson Playfield complex in Port Angeles which is a multi-purpose park owned and operated by the City of Port Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Peninsula Tennis Club strongly supports the addition of a Pump Track at the Erickson Playfield complex. Like the tennis courts, we believe the Pump Track will provide a unique year-round healthy recreational opportunity to community members, especially to our youth. The Pump Track could be utilized by much younger and less experienced children than can safely use the skate park that exists at Erickson.

BMX is a sport that has seen tremendous growth in our area in recent years. Currently our only BMX facility must shut down for much of the winter due to wet and muddy conditions on a dirt track. The proposed Pump Track will be open and available year-round and will provide a low cost, fun and healthy option for getting outdoors. In addition it will provide an opportunity for organized competition and potentially for regional and state sanctioned competitive events. This would benefit our small rural community by bringing in large numbers of visitors and help support our local economy.

The members of the Peninsula Tennis Club are excited about the possible creation of a Pump Track at Erickson Park. We appreciate the support being offered by the City of Port Angeles for this new project, as well as their ongoing efforts to maintain and improve the tennis courts at Erickson Park.

Sincerely,

Bob Richie  
Peninsula Tennis Club President

P.O. Box 176  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
May 1, 2020

Ms. Catharine Copass  
Lincoln Park BMX  
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Port Angeles, WA 98363  
[lincolnparkbmx@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnparkbmx@gmail.com)

Dear Catharine,

In what many would consider ancient history there was a time when the phrase, "If your community doesn't have a skatepark, it is one" came to everyone's attention. There were youth all over the town riding their skateboards on sidewalks, stair railings, parking lots and seemingly anywhere else they could. The local group of skateboarders had tried for years to create a skatepark and had been unsuccessful. Nor'Wester Rotary was asked to help and over the course of four years rallied the community and fundraised until we had created (what was then) the best skatepark in the Pacific Northwest.

The skatepark stopped the problem of youth riding their skateboards in the streets and on the sidewalks and posing a safety risk to both the skateboarders and the public. It brought people from all over to try the park, including a blind skateboarder from British Columbia. It became a venue for contests and events. And now the next generation of children consider the skatepark as a place that has always been there. The park has benefited the community every day that it has been open.

It is a great pleasure to hear that your group has taken on the task of taking the recreation area next to the park and turning it into a pump track. It is because of concerned parents and adults like you that our community continues to grow in the ways that benefit our youth and young adults. I cannot speak for other communities but I can tell you that the youth of Port Angeles respect facilities like these and appreciate the opportunities they provide. Our skatepark is close to 20 years old now and in almost pristine condition.

Perhaps the greatest benefit to the community is that children engaged in rewarding physical activities are less likely to find themselves in trouble. Your group is dedicated to seeing this continue by providing a facility that will serve Port Angeles and attract others to our community, as the skatepark has. The addition of a pump track park will benefit our youth and our community for generations. We at Nor'Wester Rotary whole heartedly endorse your program and wish you the best in your efforts.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Albright".

Brian Albright, President  
Nor'Wester Rotary



May 16, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

The Port Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee <https://www.portangelesbikes.com/> is on a mission to help people choose active transportation for commuting, daily errands around town, fun, fitness and sport. We advocate for bike infrastructure improvements and sharing info on bike-related events and businesses. We organize Bike Everywhere Month in May, group rides in summer and Port Angeles' official Bike Friendly Community application.

Through our work we see expanding interest in cycling for sport and other purposes in Port Angeles and surrounding Clallam County. Data from Bicycle Count Portal shows over 100 cyclists pass by the Count Portal on the Olympic Discovery Trail in downtown Port Angeles every day <https://wsdot.wa.gov/data/tools/bikepedcounts/>. We see interest in our May Bike Everywhere Month events growing, attracting nearly 300 participants in 2019. Most importantly, in 2019 we held a bike safety rodeo in conjunction with the Port Angeles Fire Department. Over 125 kids arrived at the rodeo with their bikes, and rode a small course made with cones which taught basic bike handling and safety, and many went home with new helmets. Every one of those kids is a future pumptrack user.

Pumptracks are for everyone- any skill level, and a wide variety of bikes. A pumptrack will certainly boost local excitement about cycling significantly and help to continue to grow the sport in the Port Angeles area. Even with the Olympic Discovery Trail, Port Angeles does not provide enough places where adults and children can develop and practice riding skills in a safe environment. A pumptrack could be a great venue for a future bike rodeo and Bike Everywhere Events with our organization.

We are excited to support this project,

Sincerely,



Recoverable Signature

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Randall McCoy

Chairman

Signed by: Randall McCoy

Port Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee of Port Angeles and Clallam County.

## **Letters From Area Businesses and Organizations**





May 12, 2020

Dear City of Port Angeles,

I am the head coach of the North Olympic Mountain Bike Team (aka NOMBIES), a middle and high school coed mountain bike team for grades 4-12, serving Sequim, Port Angeles and Joyce communities. We are a Clallam County 4-H club.

Our team is open to any kid- no biking experience required. I started the team here to introduce kids to mountain biking and provide an alternative to traditional team sports. Team sports just don't work for every kid- a mountain bike team gives kids the opportunity for the camaraderie of a team sport while competing as an individual. One major benefit of a bike team is that everyone gets to be on the team- no tryouts required- and girls and boys train, ride and compete together. It's a good way for kids to grow their social skills and make friends from all over the area.

Participation in NOMBIES shows that locally mountain biking is starting to take off as a youth sport and it's bringing adults in too. We started in 2018 with 12 kids, of which about six were dedicated and showed up for every practice. In 2019, our second season, we doubled team size, with 22 kids and 17 active racers. This season our team was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the local race series and that was largely because of some strong girl racers. Next year we plan to attend even more races and have a parent team.

A pumptrack in Port Angeles would greatly benefit our team. From a coach's perspective a pumptrack is a much easier location for teaching skills since kids are contained in one central spot rather than spread out on a trail. We could expand our recruitment for girls by hosting girls nights at pumptrack. The pumptrack would be a great practice venue for our team- sprint laps and pumping would build fitness fast. We want to have weekday practices after school, which can be difficult in the fall since the daylight is short and the trails take time to drive to. We could have practice right after school and some kids could even bike to practice. Having other kids see us there practicing could build interest in the team.

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There are other general benefits to a pumptrack in Port Angeles. The more facilities like the pumptrack we have to offer, the more we can help local bike shops build up business through bike rentals and repairs. It would give the kids in our town someplace to be active together, to play and ride together respectfully and to build community spirit and pride in their town.

We enthusiastically offer our support to this project and can't wait to take our first laps when it is built.

Sincerely,

Tom Kendall  
Head Coach, North Olympic Mountain Bike Team



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Sincerely,

Tom Kendall  
Head Coach, North Olympic Mountain Bike Team





Lorrie Mittmann  
434 W. 11th Street  
Port Angeles WA 98362



May 18, 2020

City of Port Angeles  
321 E. 5th Street  
Port Angeles WA 98362

I support the construction of a pump track in Port Angeles, Washington.

As the owner of a company that produces endurance sports events in the Port Angeles area, I know first-hand the value of outdoor recreation to both the health and economy of the community. Peninsula Adventure Sports offers running, cycling, and multi-sport races. Over 1500 athletes and their families come to the Olympic Peninsula each year to enjoy our events, and while they are here, they spend money in our local businesses and enjoy the other activities that our area has to offer. A pump track will offer another activity for these families to enjoy on their visit, improving and potentially extending their stay.

The Washington Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Outdoor Recreation conducted a report finalized in 2014 which concluded that the benefits of outdoor recreation translate into "healthier kids, lowered health care costs, less absenteeism in the workplace, and decreases in juvenile crime." A pump track will provide a valuable outdoor recreation opportunity for youth. As a race director, I want the next generation of athletes to have a place to learn skills and get them excited about biking.

A pump track is a perfect compliment to our growing bicycle infrastructure. The Olympic Discovery Trail and Dry Hill Mountain Bike Park have expanded over the past years. The Lincoln Park BMX track has been completely refurbished and there is a resurgence of interest in BMX. A new mountain bike skill park, Colville Trails, has been established. Interest in cycling has never been stronger!

Best Regards,

*Lorrie Mittmann*



City of Port Angeles  
321 E 5th Street  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Subject: Port Angeles Bicycle Pump Track – Letter of Support

Dear City Official,

Sound Bikes & Kayaks strongly supports the addition of a bicycle pump track at the Erickson Field Complex. It is the right time for this project in our community.

We have seen the steady growth of bike riding in Clallam County over the last three years. Specifically, youth bike purchases have increased 35% between 2017 and 2019. It is an overwhelmingly positive development as more local youths are building the foundation of a healthy lifestyle through riding. Key catalysts for this growth have been expansion of the Olympic Discovery Trail, resurgence of Lincoln Park BMX, construction of the MTB skills park at Colville Trails, and the successful NW Cup race series at Dry Hill. Local schools are joining the effort via Washington's Safe Routes to School Grant Program – improving bike safety near school grounds and purchasing fleets of bikes for students to learn riding fundamentals. We are emerging as a true bike riding community.

A pump track folds into this bike-centric momentum our community has created. Importantly, it provides a safe environment for youths to (a) develop critical bike handling skills that will contribute to a lifetime of riding and (b) build friendships with other riders based on healthy activities.

Sound Bikes & Kayaks is excited about this project. We support – and are standing by to assist – the City of Port Angeles in their efforts to secure a Youth Area Facility Grant to help with funding. The pump track will be a significant addition to our riding community with a strong focus on benefiting our local youths.

Sincerely,

Troy Treaccar  
Owner, Sound Bikes & Kayaks

## **Letters From Partner Cycling Organizations**



## Lincoln Park BMX

May 26, 2020

City of Port Angeles  
321 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

**RE:                Proposed Pump Track  
                     Erickson Field**

One of Lincoln Park BMX's main purposes is to educate and increase fitness and wellness levels of our community, we feel that the proposed Pump Track in Port Angeles would do exactly that and also create a valuable asset for the community. The City has supported the improvements to the BMX track, and in 3 short years, the participation has increased 220%, the BMX track is now one of the top tracks in Washington state and is located in one of the smallest population areas.

Each year Port Angeles is seeing an increase in bike activities from riding the Discovery Trail to riding Colville trails to racing Dry Hill and many others. Adding a pump track does multiple things for our community, it adds one more activity for people of all ages to enjoy and it also will provide a year-round facility for locals to learn better bike skills in a Park type environment. A pump track can accommodate scooters and skateboards as well. A pump track will help draw people to Port Angeles, we know numerous families that stop in Leavenworth on their way back from Eastern Washington, even though it is out of the way. Where else can you go skiing, surfing, and biking in one location? The pump track just adds to the available activities to bring people here.

We have shown our commitment to the project by helping volunteer to keep the project moving as well as contributing funds to the project as well. We look forward to making Port Angeles one of the hot spots in Washington for bike activities.

Lincoln Park has already committed \$2,000 towards the project and will contribute another \$7,500 towards the project if the project becomes a reality.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean Coleman", located below the "Thank you" text.

Sean Coleman

President & Track Operator



May 24, 2020

Re: Pumptrack Opportunity in Port Angeles

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Scott Tucker and I am the co-director of the NW Cup Downhill Mountain Bike Series. The NW Cup is based out of Port Angeles, but we have races in Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and other parts of Washington. I have been directing mountain bike events for about 15 years now, as well as other cycling and multisport events.

Port Angeles is known throughout the mountain biking world as a “world-class” destination. The trail systems, the natural beauty, the events, and access all add up to the Olympic Peninsula being on most riders’ target to visit at some point. Hosting races has given me the opportunity to travel to other bicycling destinations up and down the West Coast and while they all have their own strengths, none quite add up to what we enjoy here. With one exception, a pump track.

Wherever we go, you can usually find a pump track crawling with kids of all ages riding next to expert level adults enjoying the same track in their own ways. You can spend half a day working on your skills and getting a proper workout, or add it to either end of day of riding the trails in the area. It is a safe, controlled environment to hone the skills needed to excel on trails and our local BMX track, which can be fairly intimidating to the new rider.

Our NW Cup Downhill events attract 400-500 participants as well as family and support, at least two weekends a year, 3 days at a time. Our trail system also brings people to self-recreate every day of the year. Having a pump track for them to use would show the commitment Port Angeles has to cycling and recreation as a whole.

For the last 10 years, NW Cup has focused our growth on the youth, providing beginner focused tracks suited to younger age groups. This has caused an explosion in attendance that is still resonating as starting kids early is the way to create life-long cyclists. Bicycles have always been, and still are such a huge part of my life, I find myself obsessed with providing that opportunity any way I can. Supporting a pump-track in our town is another piece to that puzzle of helping kids, and all people for that matter in our community make healthy choices.

To sum it up, I am in full support of Port Angeles investing in a pump track. I look forward to seeing people of all backgrounds recreating together in a healthy, safe environment.

Scott Tucker

360-797-4288

May 12, 2020

City of Port Angeles,

I am writing on behalf of the local non-profit mountain bike trails development group, Top Left Trails Co-Op, in support of the Velosolutions Pumptrack. This pumptrack will provide numerous positive opportunities for our community in Port Angeles and the surrounding area and we enthusiastically support this project.

The pumptrack will be the chance for kids and families at all skill levels to participate in a year-round outdoor activity. Our community needs opportunities for kids to remain active during the darker days of winter (as well as long days of summer) and is a fun way to get out and bond as a family. It will also be a great resource for improving bike handling skills for those that participate in the local NOMBIES middle school/high school mountain bike team, Lincoln Park BMX racers and those participating in the NW Cup downhill mountain bike races. The fact that our area has these three high quality competitive outlets is amazing and should be supported and encouraged by our community. Riding on a pumptrack is great strengthening for the upper and lower extremities as well as core training which translates to perfect cross training for any other athletic activity. The skills learned on a pumptrack don't just translate to the sport that you are practicing in, but also provides cross training for any other athletic activity. It will also help children develop confidence as they develop new skills.

In addition, the pumptrack will provide great chance for safe and fun exercise with a low barrier to entry for many in our community as many types of equipment can be used on the pumptrack including; bikes, scooters, inline skates and skateboards. While there is always risk of injury with these activities the risk is relatively low on a pumptrack. We are hopeful that the pumptrack will encourage children and families to develop strong social relationships with each other as they participate in a safe, healthy and enjoyable activity.

We look forward to helping in anyway possible to assist in facilitating the pumptrack moving forward.

Spencer Larsen, Secretary

Top Left Trails Co-Op



## **Letters and Drawings from Community Supporters**

## **Support of Grant Proposal for a Velosolutions Pump Track in the City of Port Angeles on the Great Olympic Peninsula of Washington**

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter from our family as indication of strong local support for the installation of a Velosolutions pump track at Erickson Playfield in the City of Port Angeles. The biking opportunities on the Olympic Peninsula is one of the primary reasons we moved to Port Angeles four years ago. However, as we have expanded our family, we continue to realize the great need for more biking opportunities in the center of the town and in close proximity to other family friendly parks. A Velosolutions pump track would be a perfect playground for our entire family. It provides an opportunity for our children to participate in a healthy, outdoor fitness activity in the convenience of our city. And it would be a fun activity for us adults too!

More importantly, the establishment of a Velosolutions pump track in our city would provide a much-needed healthy activity for our entire community. Children need as many options as possible to be encouraged to be healthy, fit and active. The skills obtained on a pump track can teach basic physical education concepts. It can also become a place where the community can come together and expand community support and enthusiasm for biking. A Velosolutions pump track would also complement the internationally recognized neighboring bike infrastructure, including the Olympic Discovery Trail and Dry Hill. Lastly, it could be a safe place for recovery following the pandemic.

Please support this grant application for the fantastic City of Port Angeles!

Sincerely,

The Brekke Family

Chris, Allyson, Vincent (6) and Thea (1)

Anthony Jones  
315 Shade Tree Lane  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Anthony Jones and I am a twelve year old state champion BMX racer from Port Angeles. I would like to build a pump track in Port Angeles with your support. The reason that I think Port Angeles would be suitable for a pump track is that it would make people ride a lot more because the location for the pump track is central, next to the skate park, easy to get to, and easy to ride. It would introduce a new world of biking to a lot of different people. Port Angeles is a town made for biking, with downhill, BMX, street, park, trail, and road bikers everywhere. I think that the more biking the better. Biking makes everyone happier and happy people are the best people.

Sincerely,

Anthony Jones

Drawn by  
4 year old  
Bennett Gray  
Port Angeles, WA

race track

wheels

seat

my  
bike

wheel

hill

I love my bike. His  
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riding my bike and  
I love Rocket. I  
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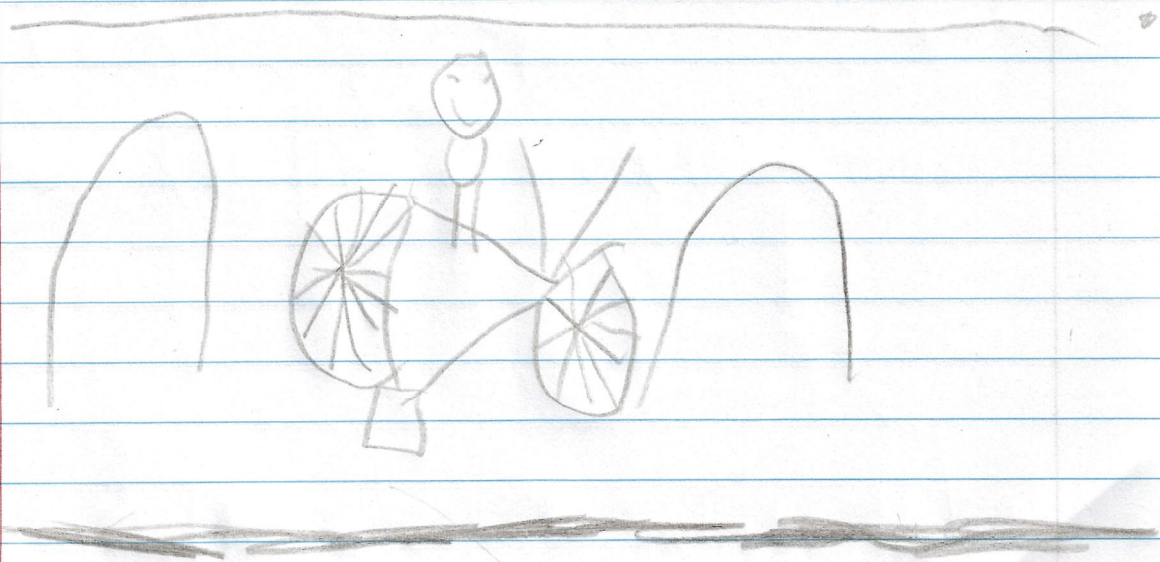
I want to ride on a new  
track to get fast. And  
I love BMX tracks.

hills



YBM Angeles, WA

I like riding  
my bike because  
it is big and  
it makes me  
fast, and strong!





Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

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**PA pump track**

1 message

**Beeler Van Orman** <jbvo3searches@yahoo.com>

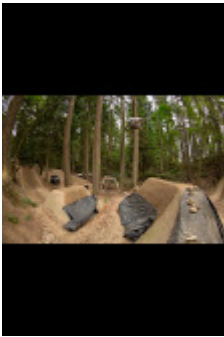
Mon, May 18, 2020 at 11:29 AM

To: "catharine.copass@gmail.com" &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

Hello, I am writing to express my support for building a pump track in Port Angeles. A pump track would make for a year round spot for bicycle and wheel enthusiasts to build and maintain bike skills and health. This would be a nice addition to the other recreation possibilities currently present in the Port Angeles area. I have been riding bmx for 25 years, having access to spots is crucial for creating life long passion and commitment.

Thank you,

Beeler Van Orman



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Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

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**Port Angeles Pump Track**

1 message

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**Stephen Canale** <stephen.canale@gmail.com>  
To: Catharine Copass <catharine.copass@gmail.com>

Thu, May 21, 2020 at 5:13 PM

Catharine, thank you for relaying this letter of support to the City of Port Angeles.

Dear City of Port Angeles,

I am writing in support of the proposed pump track in Port Angeles. We are avid mountain biker which is an activity that we fell in love with because of the cycling options that we have around Clallam County. Port Angeles is a wonderful place to live and it's an especially wonderful place to be a cyclist. We have fantastic road cycling ranging from the Olympic Discovery Trail to Hurricane Ridge Road, a great BMX track, and a number of trails for mountain biking including the Colville Trails, the Olympic Adventure Trail, and Dry Hill. A pump track would compliment the existing cycling opportunities that we have by allowing yet another type of riding that is both fun and accessible to many people. Riders of all skill levels are able to enjoy these tracks and the pump tracks that Velosolutions builds are awesome designs. We have ridden one of their tracks in Redmond, Oregon and they are a destination in their own right. People are already becoming more interested in Port Angeles as a cycling destination and more options to ride should help to increase this. To see the potential effect of that cycling tourism can have all you have to do is try to go to a restaurant downtown during one of the Dry Hill downhill races.

Sincerely,

Stephen and Michele Canale

City of Port Angeles,

We need a pump track in Port Angeles because it will bring more people to the area and it will also help keep bikers out of the skate park. When we went to Leavenworth, Washington they had both a skate park and a pump track. This allows the skater to skate without having to worry about bikers being in their way.

If people knew we had a pump track, we could potentially host Red Bull pump track competitions. That would bring more people and more money to the community of Port Angeles. If this pump track is approved and built we could have sponsored pump track competitions just like the skateboarding competitions that have occurred here.

A pump track is a great place for riders to expand their skills, if a rider needs to develop bike control, cornering skills or learn how to use their body to gain momentum “pumping” around the track, a pump track would be the best place to learn. At a pump track you can constantly find new lines to ride, this is different from a BMX track because it has a directional course.

Thank you for reading this letter and I hope you choose to support Port Angeles in the development of a pump track.

Citizen of Port Angeles,

Cooper Berry (age 14)



May 18, 2020

To: Port Angeles City Council  
From: Campbell Kirkman, PE Teacher  
Re: Port Angeles Pumptrack proposal

I am writing in support of the proposal to build a pumptrack in Port Angeles. As a PE teacher and coach for the Port Angeles School District I believe the pumptrack will provide a unique and exciting way for kids to be physically active outside of school. And it sure looks like fun! This is precisely the type of healthy and engaging activity that our city should be promoting for kids and families to enjoy together.

As an elementary PE teacher, I teach a bicycle and pedestrian safety unit with my 5th and 6th graders. A few years ago our district earned a grant targeting 5th-8th graders. It included 30 bikes for students to ride and practice those safety skills. The kids are very excited to ride the bikes in PE. I always conclude the unit by taking the students on a biking field trip off the school campus. It would be awesome to make that field trip to the pumptrack facility. If each elementary school and the middle school went that would be up to 1200 students who would use the pumptrack facility each year.

When I teach the unit I am always surprised by number of students who have not yet learned how to ride a bike. The most common reason is because they don't have a good place to practice riding. Building the pumptrack in Port Angeles would provide that safe, free, and accessible facility to ride. It will increase the number of kids who engage in the healthy activity of cycling.

I also coach the running sports of cross country and track. Running is a fantastic cardiorespiratory endurance activity, but it can be hard on the body. We encourage our athletes to cross-train by doing other cardio activities such as biking and swimming. The pumptrack would provide another outlet for them to build endurance, and potentially to compete. I could see us bringing our teams to the pumptrack to train on occasion. That would be up to 150 athletes using the facility for their cardio training.

I appreciate the effort to apply for the State Youth Athletic Facilities Grant to bring a pumptrack to Port Angeles. Any investment in the health and well-being of our youth is a wise investment for our community.

Wishing you good health!

Campbell Kirkman

Campbell Kirkman  
K-6 PE Specialist  
Franklin Elementary  
Port Angeles, WA  
[ckirkman@portangelesschools.org](mailto:ckirkman@portangelesschools.org)

Dear City of Port Angeles,

My name is Clara and I am 9 years old. I have been riding bikes for almost as long as I can remember. I have done all types of bike riding; road, mountain, cross country, downhill, a little BMX, and tried cycle-cross. I would like to see Port Angeles have a pump track because it will give people a chance to be more active. At first, I did not know what a pump track was until I watched a video of a Red Bull pump track competition with my brother and my dad.

I have ridden the dirt pump track at Colville Trails and the paved Leavenworth, Washington pump track. I volunteered and helped Top Left Trails Co-op make the pump track at Colville Trails, it was a lot of fun.

I like riding on a pump track because of the smooth berms and the going with the flow motion over the pumps.

It would be fun to ride the pump track with my friends, even if they don't have a bike they can ride skateboards, scooters and roller skates on the track. I think maybe even wheelchairs could go around the track and that would be fun, exciting and a blast to ride with. Thank you for considering a pump track and for taking the time to read this letter.

Your biking friend,

Clara Berry



May 18, 2020

Dear City of Port Angeles:

We are writing in support of the proposed Port Angeles Velosolutions pumptrack. Having resided in Port Angeles for 18 years, we've raised our now 16 and 17 year old daughters here, and are enthusiastic supporters of this excellent addition to our community's recreational opportunities.

Port Angeles being a small town far removed from recreational facilities, common to larger towns and cities, is a fantastic location to bring this exciting outdoor activity to. Our town has already shown commitment and great demand for existing skate and BMX parks. The pumptrack would expand wheeled recreational options to youth of all ages.

We are healthcare professionals with a focus on Family Medicine (Paul) and Pediatric Nursing (Pam). We witness every day the importance of providing members of our community with wholesome, safe, and fitness focused activities. The patients and families we care for depend on such opportunities for physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. When youth in a small town see others participating and excelling in cycling and related activities and competitions it inspires them to participate, resulting in improved wellness and reduced temptations towards other less productive endeavors.

Compared to the BMX and skate park, the latter of which our 16-year-old daughter Fiona takes advantage of, the possibility of adding a pumptrack is particularly exciting for our family. Our 17-year-old daughter Poppy has cerebral palsy and uses a power wheelchair. She loves speed, hanging with other teens, and participating in activities that are inclusive to her. The pumptrack offers such an opportunity for those in manual or power wheelchairs.

The pumptrack would be an exhilarating boost to our town's youth and young adult recreational offerings. We offer our enthusiastic endorsement. On behalf of our family, our patients, and our town's diverse youth we thank you for your consideration of this grant proposal.

Dr. Paul, Pam, Fiona, and Poppy Cunningham  
706 South Ennis Street  
Port Angeles, WA 98362



Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pump track**

1 message

**denise skinner** <bikedenise@gmail.com>

Wed, May 20, 2020 at 4:40 PM

To: Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

To whom it may concern,

I live in Bothell, WA but come to Port Angeles a few times a year for recreation. I have previously mostly come for hiking but the last 2 years have come for mountain biking as well. I was so excited to hear that there would soon be a sweet pump track to visit in between trails. My husband in particular loves pump tracks so this is a big plus and would be a deal breaker if we were deciding between two destinations. We are looking forward to many more trips to Port Angeles, hopefully with a velo solutions pump track, in our future.

Thank you,  
Denise Skinner

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Sent from Gmail Mobile



Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

**(edited, use this one) Port Angeles Pump Track**

1 message

**Erik Dukes** <erik36bike@hotmail.com>

Wed, May 20, 2020 at 3:03 PM

To: Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;, Erik Dukes &lt;Erik36bike@hotmail.com&gt;, Lauren &lt;laurenfoxnelson@hotmail.com&gt;

**From:** Erik Dukes <erik36bike@hotmail.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 2:56 PM**To:** Catharine Copass <catharine.copass@gmail.com>; Erik Dukes <Erik36bike@hotmail.com>**Subject:** Port Angeles Pump Track

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in regards to the opportunity for the community of Port Angeles to build a pump track. There are many benefits to having a pump track in Port Angeles, I will touch on a few reasons below. In addition to being a long time resident of Port Angeles, I would like to point out that my qualifications include having a Bachelor's degree in Outdoor Recreation, being involved with the initial installation of the Port Angeles Skateboard Park (early 2000's), having traveled to several pump tracks throughout North America and having over 10 years of Cat 1 mountain bike racing experience. I only point out my experiences to help emphasize my understanding of what a pump track is and what it can contribute to our community.

The local benefits of a pump track are quite impressive. Most importantly is how inclusive pump tracks become. A well designed pump track is something that is welcoming to novice cyclists as well as expert level cyclists. This is different from a skate board park that is generally designed for advanced skaters and can often be intimidating for novice or less experienced people wanting to participate. Pump tracks are welcoming to all levels of participants, its common to see multiple generations of families using a pump track at the same time. From young kids on Strider bikes to older adults on mountain bikes. Pump tracks are very much something for the entire family to utilize. Another thing worth pointing out is that the intimidation factor for a pump track is much less than that of a skate park. This is because cycling culture is more inclusive and the skills required for enjoying a pump track safely are extremely basic. Pump tracks can be a great way for urban residents to be introduced to several aspects of cycling that often will grow as they spend more time on bikes. Pump tracks are a gateway to organized BMX racing, mountain biking, bicycle commuting and even road cycling. Building the cycling community in Port Angeles has multiple benefits and a pump track is a substantial foundation for that future local cycling community. A well designed pump track is functional in wet weather (unlike an uncovered skate park), and requires very little long term maintenance. Just about any type of bicycle will work on a pump track, expensive equipment is not required.

Beyond the direct benefits to our Port Angeles residents is the economical benefits a pump track would provide through tourism. Pump tracks bring people in as a destination. A good pump track is well known and people will travel (or stay longer) to use a good pump track in Port Angeles. Places like Leavenworth Wa, Bellingham, Wa, Nanaimo B.C., and Bend Or, all have excellent pump tracks that have become destinations for families on vacation. There is no reason Port Angeles shouldn't be on that list. We currently host world class mountain bike races at Dry Hill as well as have a renowned BMX track. A pump track would

be visited by these same folks already coming to Port Angeles, they will stay longer and spread the word of what is here, in turn putting more tourism dollars into our economy. Additionally an untold number of cyclists pass through Port Angeles when traveling on the Coho ferry to and from Canada. British Columbia (including Vancouver Island) is the world's most popular destination for mountain biking. Many of those folks traveling to British Columbia for cycling vacations pass right through Port Angeles on the way to the Coho Ferry. Having a pump track will draw those folks briefly passing through, to stay a little longer and contribute even more to our local economy. Currently we are not capitalizing on the amount of cyclists passing through Port Angeles to and from B.C. which is a huge economic miss. A centrally located pump track would draw in these passer-by's to stop and stay a little longer.

Lastly, I can not think of a better cost to benefit investment for the residents of Port Angeles. It would be a win for community health, as well as for local businesses.

Sincerely,

Erik Dukes  
1-360-640-1341



To the City of Port Angeles,

May 7<sup>th</sup> 2020

I am writing to you about the grant for a Velosolutions pumptrack. I am extremely happy to be part of a big and ever-growing biking community in Port Angeles. I think a pumptrack would be a great resource for Port Angeles. I think that a lot of people don't join the biking events that we have currently, because they think they cost a lot of money. If we had a pumptrack in town then a lot more people would be more inclined to ride their bike. To ride a pumptrack, you don't need fancy or special equipment, you need a bike or even scooter or skateboard and a helmet. In addition to the fun for local residents, pumptracks are becoming more popular and would likely bring more people from out of town, which would help Port Angeles economically.

Very Respectively,

Finn Thompson

7<sup>th</sup> grader at Stevens Middle School



8 May 2020

To: The City of Port Angeles

I am writing this letter to encourage the city to support the proposal to build a bicycle pump track. I live in Port Angeles and I have 2 sons that are avid bicyclists and it would be great if they had a track in town where they could ride. Port Angeles has other cycling opportunities in the area but they require specialized equipment and they require vehicle support from parents to get the kids to the venue. A pump track in the middle of town would allow kids with regular bikes to get themselves to the track and engage in healthy, outdoor physical activities. In addition, the track would provide a venue for competitions that could bring economic benefits to Port Angeles.

Sincerely,

George Thompson.





Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pumptrack!**

1 message

**Glen Wade** <glenwade@gmail.com>

Tue, May 19, 2020 at 10:52 PM

To: Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

City of Port Angeles  
Port Angeles, WA  
321 E 5th Street  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing today in regard to and support of the proposed Velosolutions pumptrack in Port Angeles.

A new pump track of the quality proposed would certainly provide benefits outweighing the cost. The proposed pumptrack will be relatively inexpensive to build and maintain in comparison to other City parks and spaces.

The park will allow and be very fun for bikes, skateboards, inline skates and scooters, which is unique in the City in comparison to the BMX race track, skatepark, and mountain bike trails. The park will be open to all during all park hours, which is also unique in comparison to the aforementioned parks. This will make it a great place for any-weather get-togethers, which can be tough in this area.

As a mountain biker and volunteer at Dry Hill Bike Park (where the ProGRT national bike races are held), I see how much of a tourist attraction bike competitions are in this area. This park will meet the parameters of Redbull/ UCI (highest level international) competitions, which will go well with or independent of other local mountain bike races.

The park will also not provide nearly the safety liability of the BMX track or skate park, as it will have lower speeds and low impact.

My son who is 4 absolutely loves pumptracks and has been enjoying them since he was about 1.5 yrs old. I have attached a picture of him at 2yrs old at the Colville trails from the PDN. I have never seen anyone try a pump track without positive results and I look forward to seeing the community embrace it.

Please approve the construction of the proposed pumptrack!

Thanks,

Glen Wade  
[glenwade@gmail.com](mailto:glenwade@gmail.com)  
206 755-4404



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Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

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**pump track**

1 message

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**george williams** <bike\_elf@yahoo.com>  
To: catharine.copass@gmail.com

Tue, May 12, 2020 at 5:46 PM

great idea, we need activities for the kids in town, and the pump track would be good practice for bmx racers and just fun for non racers and some of them might become bmx racers. and also a good thing for adults too, im almost 72 and I race bmx and would enjoy the pump track. thank you for giving us a chance to voice our ideas for the pump track

Dear City of Port Angeles

5-3-2020

I went on a trip with my family to the pump track in Nanaimo B.C.. It was really fun. I went on big rollers. I like that one. I went there with my cousins. I hope that we can have one here in Port Angeles. I got a new bike to take to the pump track too.

Heidi Kiddle - Age 8

To whom it may concern,

My name is Hudson Soelter and I lived in Port Angeles for the first 18 years of my life, and now I spend the majority of the year in Bellingham as a student and my summers in Port Angeles working. Port Angeles will always be my home and I will forever be grateful to the community and the people for making me who I am. When I was a freshman Port Angeles High School I was introduced to the sport of Downhill Mountain biking along with the North West Cup. This was a major turning point for me and changed my lifestyle entirely. I became a super active person and I now enjoy all kinds of outdoor recreational activities such as biking, skateboarding, surfing, snowboarding and more.

I now live in Bellingham which I like to call the Young Persons Port Angeles. Bellingham has shown me how much potential Port Angeles has, we can take an already amazing area and community and continue to vitalize it. A Velosolutions pump track is an excellent step towards a brighter future for this place we all love. I have seen firsthand what biking and other sports can bring to a community in fact just last summer the city of Bellingham had a dirt pump track put in on the water front. This pump track is constantly busy (when it isn't too wet to ride) and makes biking that much more accessible to not just advanced bikers but families and most importantly children. Not only will the pump track be a place to gather, it will no doubt bring in tourists and with tourism comes money, which will help support local businesses.

Events and places like the North West Cup, Lincoln Park BMX track and even our skate park all contribute to the personality of our town, I would argue they put Port Angeles on the map. Adventure tourism is the future of Port Angeles no doubt, especially in an area where nature is so prevalent. When I moved to Bellingham I was integrated in to a community of mountain bikers, and many of them have been to Port Angeles before, others have since come to visit on my recommendation, or have accompanied me home to race at the North West Cup in the spring. But all of them can agree that Port Angeles is amazing, let's give people more reasons to keep saying that! Thank you for your consideration.

-Hudson Soelter

To whom it may <sup>concern</sup>  
I like biking on  
tracks with jumps!

I hope you make the  
track really fun!

This is really exciting!  
From: Henry age 10

Dear City of Port Angeles

5-3-2020

I remember going to the bike park in Nanaimo B.C. where they have a little bit long bike track. I want one of those here. I really want to build one. I had fun at it. I really want to go on it again. I hope that we build one here. I would be happy and have lots of fun at the pump track.

Ivan Kiddle- Age 5



sdac age 7

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



this is  
my bike  
with out  
me

Biking is relly fun!

I hope you make  
the pump track.

I am relly excited  
about the pump track!





Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pump track grant letter**

1 message

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**jason grovescrane.com** <jason@grovescrane.com>

Tue, May 19, 2020 at 8:14 PM

To: "catharine.copass@gmail.com" &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

To whom it may concern

My name is Jason Groves, I'm a lifelong resident of Port Angeles and have raised 3 active boys. I would hope that you would consider Port Angeles for a pump track for many reasons. Port Angeles has become a popular destination for the biking community and I feel that a pump track would add to that. The city park in which it is designated for is centered within the city and is easily accessible for people of all ages. It's very important for people of all ages to enjoy outdoor activities and this pump track would allow other bike enthusiasts to stay in shape during their off season. With the Dream playground and skatepark within the same complex, I think it would be a great hub for the city's outdoor activities that would not be limited to gender, age or ability.

**Jason Groves**  
**GROVES CRANE**  
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Joseph Ritchie  
5-5-2020

A Pump track in our town would be amazing. Pump Tracks are a place to learn and practice while having lots of fun with friends. You learn some of the fundamentals of biking in an extremely low risk environment such as pumping and cornering basics. For higher level riders it is just as useful, you can learn how to manual, jump and be fast! I have gone to bike races out of state in Idaho and Oregon and stopped at pump tracks along the way because there isn't one in or close to Port Angeles.

If we had a pump track it would push more people to learn to bike and more people would ride their bikes. It pushes eco friendly transportation and gives kids a place to go and have fun with friends. On a pump track you can have lots of riders on at the same time so people don't have to sit around and wait for their turn all the time like at a skate park.

The closest one to Port Angeles is in Tacoma which is over an hour and a half drive and doesn't make sense to go there for a day. If there was one in the center of our town then it would get lots and lots of people using it each day from around the town and people would come in from Sequim and other neighboring towns. I know that that is true because we have people come from Port Orchard and Kingston each and every weekend for the BMX races at Lincoln Park BMX Track. For the Northwest Cup Downhill Mountain bike races at Dry Hill we get almost 500 racers with their family's and friends all the way from Montana and California and some have even come in from Colorado. For both of these events a pump track would be an amazing place to warm up before heading to compete against other racers.

- Joseph Ritchie 13 years old







Liesl K.



Heidi's







To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to the City of Port Angeles in regards to building a Velosolutions pumptrack. This email will outline several key points why a pumptrack would benefit our community.

As a healthcare professional living in Port Angeles, I understand the importance of exercise and outdoor activities. Our kids and community need as many opportunities to participate in outdoor sports. Studies show the importance of children participating in sports and outdoor activities for their mental and physical health. Building a pumptrack in Port Angeles, provides an opportunity for youth to participate in healthy, outdoor fitness.

Additionally, this track increases access for multiple sports in a family friendly environment. Providing a space for bikes, skateboards, inline skates and scooters to all enjoy their sport. This track creates a safe place for youth to improve their skills and build enthusiasm in their outdoor activity while also building healthy community.

Through Velosolutions, Redbull and UCI we can host regional, national and international pumptrack competitions. This is important for our community for attracting attention and out of town visitors. Bringing more people to our town will help the local economy grow and increase our offerings.

This pump track will also complement our other regional bike infrastructure, which includes the Olympic Discovery Trail, Colville Trails, Dry Hill and BMX track. This is important for our community for bringing talent, and growing talent naturally and locally. Assisting our youth to be passionate in outdoor activities will have long lasting benefits individually and for communal health.

In conclusion, bringing in a Velosolutions pumptrack will have many lasting benefits for our community. Increasing opportunities for our youth to participate in outdoor activities will increase their health and the health of the community. It will also provide a family friendly space for all ages to participate in a range of sports. Ultimately, this track will also bring more interest to our town and bring more traffic which will benefit the local economy.

Thank you for your consideration in bringing the Velosolutions to our community.

Sincerely,

Kassandra Yager

5.15.2020

City of Port Angeles

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed Pump Track in Port Angeles. First, a little history about myself and my family: I am a wife, married to Sean Coleman and a mother of two children, Taylor age 16 and Cash age 13. Both of my kids have been riding bikes for years. When my son was about 6 months old I won a Strider bike in a raffle, upon much research we found out how useful these bikes could be for learning to ride without the use of training wheels. He started trying to ride this bike at about 14 months old and mastered it in no time. For his 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday we bought him a peddle bike and he rode it as if he had been riding for years; there is no transition from Strider bike to a peddle bike because the real challenge is balance which they already have mastered by that time.

Once he was on the peddle bike we started looking into bike sports; that is when we found BMX...fast forward many years and we learned of the first paved pump track built in Washington, located in Leavenworth. Both of the kids were anxious to try it out. We take the kids to BMX tracks all over the state of Washington, so on the way back from Spokane one time we diverted to Leavenworth to try it out; the kids were in Heaven! We since have taken the long diverted trip to Leavenworth on many occasions when we were on the East side of the mountains visiting BMX tracks; every time is as fun, or more fun, than their first trip there. Many times they start planning the trip and inviting their friends to join them at the Pump track on their way home too.

One of the main reasons I believe Port Angeles is a good place for a Pump Track is that there is also a BMX track, downhill mountain biking and the Olympic Discovery Trail; all bringing many people into the area for biking sports and this track would be a great addition for locals and visitors. This track would also give kids, adults and families another option for an outdoor sport. The Pump Track would be open to the public, therefore it will be easy to access for many people's schedules. Good, well designed Pump Tracks such as the proposed one by Velosolutions could lead to hosted events in Port Angeles which will bring in revenue from participants and spectators from out of the area.

Pump tracks help bike riders learn, practice and master skills that they use in other areas of riding. Had Port Angeles had a Pump Track when my kids were little, I have no doubt they would have been riding it any chance they had. I truly hope you consider doing whatever is possible with the means you have to make this Pump Track become a reality.

Thank you for your time,

Lori Coleman

Past Vice President of Lincoln Park BMX



May 18, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of the City's efforts to obtain funding for a pump track proposed for Erickson Playfield.

Like most grandparents, my husband and I find great joy in watching and supporting our grandchildren as they build skills and confidence — and have fun with their friends — through sports activities. Several years ago, a bad stroke put my husband in a wheelchair, making it difficult — in most instances impossible — for him to see his grandsons in action at their BMX and mountain-biking events.

We are thrilled at the prospect of a pump track at Port Angeles' Erickson Playfield that will make it possible for bicycling enthusiasts to hone their skills — and to do so at a place that is easily accessible to the cyclists, to all members of their families and to the wider public.

The plan for the pump track includes features that will be fun for those who use it — whether the users are very young beginners, youth or adults. The plan also envisions observation spots that spectators such as my husband can access — in order to watch and cheer-on the participants.

Cycling of all sorts is rising in popularity as a family sport. The North Olympic Peninsula is fortunate to have a variety of cycling opportunities used by locals and visitors alike: miles of paved trails in the lowlands, a growing number and variety of single-tracks in the hills and woodlands and a BMX race track at Lincoln Park. The pump track will be an exciting complement to these other opportunities for participation in bicycling. The facility will also be unique among local bicycling venues in providing workable access for all who want to view the sport and to be close to the kids and grandkids who so much enjoy it.

Sincerely,

Lucy A. Copass

City of Port Angeles,

In these unprecedented times, with all the uncertainty, riding bikes is one of the things that helps me manage life. Whether it be riding from my house down to Ediz Hook, to going for a cross country ride on the Olympic Adventure Trail, getting out on my bike always helps to change my mood for the better. The thought of adding a pump track to the biking options our town has to offer brings me much joy.

A few years ago, a handful of local ladies and myself formed a riding group called Team Laser Kittens. We provide support to lady riders, coordinate group rides, trail building events and mountain bike clinics. A pump track would be a huge asset not only to the community, but also to the local lady riders and their families. A pump track can be a great tool to complement a riders' skills on and off the trails. With that said, it would complement the other regional bike infrastructure (Olympic Discovery Trail, Colville Trails, Dry Hill, BMX track).

I look forward to helping with this project in the future.

Thank you for your time,

Lauren Dukes

Dear city council

My name is Leo and im 8 years old

I like Bmx I am a racer

I also love the trails in the

woods But the Bmx is closed

because of the rain and it's only

open for 3 months I like the

Pump track at The colville

Trails. I ride a paved pump Track

on Vancouver Island and I

Love it. you can ride whenever

you want, If we had a pump

Track here, I would ride it every

day. The pump Track would be

good for families and kids like

me. thank you

from Leo Gomez Franklin School



Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

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## Pump Track

1 message

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**Lara Hernandez** <larafernandez.lh@gmail.com>  
To: catharine.copass@gmail.com

Fri, May 22, 2020 at 2:43 PM

As a local teacher and parent of a first grader, the idea of a pump track in Port Angeles is exciting! Kids need as many fun and healthy activities as possible to keep busy. Having the track centrally located would mean many families would be able to use it. As a city with bike culture that's quickly growing, a pump track will be the perfect addition.

Sincerely,

Lara Hernandez



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5/18/2020

To the City of Port Angeles,

I write in support of the construction of a Velosolutions pumptrack in Port Angeles. Part of what made me want to move to Port Angeles was the feeling that there was healthy growth and development taking place in this already amazing location. The development of a pumptrack here would be another example of Port Angeles' continued growth in a healthy, sustainable, and progressive manner.

The pumptrack would support our youth in healthy activities and choices. It would provide an opportunity right here in town for people to get on bikes, skateboards, skates and scooters that they have been riding for years, or that they are just starting out on for the first time. It will provide a place for all ages to be active and outside together, including families.

It will also be a huge asset to the city, as it will create yet another draw for people from out of town. It could be the host facility for national, and even international, competitions, boosting our tourism industry.

I know I personally look forward to enjoying the pumptrack with my husband and young boys, as well as my local friends, and those who come visit our beautiful town.

It will be a really great addition to the town. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lusana Schutz

[schutzlusana@gmail.com](mailto:schutzlusana@gmail.com)

307-690-2707

Dear City Council

I think that we need  
a pump track in any  
angles because I like  
going to the pump track  
by the airport and  
I would like one  
closer to my house.

Gonsior MCHenny

Age 10



Dear City of Port Angeles

I am writing to you in regards to the planned asphalt pumptrack to be built near the current skate park and dream playground. I would like to hereby declare my whole hearted support of it. In short this would be an awesome and great addition not only to the current sports and activity center in the area but to Port Angeles as a whole.

I'm sure as you are well aware, but a pumptrack is a rolling track either made out of dirt or a solid surface like asphalt or cement. People that participate in any sort of wheeled activity instantly recognize it as a sign of fun. Imagine how much fun rollercoasters were as kids. Now imagine that with no lines and no post-ride..... well you get the picture.

I frequently travel out of Port Angeles for family and friends Mountain biking trips. Locations for these are mostly in the PNW. Such as, Vancouver island, Whistler, Hood River, Anchorage, Alaska, Olympia, Seattle and Issaquah. Invariably during these trips we will spend time at a local bike park and/or pumptrack. Both in Hood River, OR and Nanaimo, B.C. there are asphalt pumptracks much like the one we are proposing here. We naturally have a great time and a lot of our positive family memories revolve around these locations.

Not only is pumptrack a great family activity and outlet for local kids, but it adds to the quiver of bike related attractions to our area. This, therefore increases the likelihood of bike related tourism. In Squamish B.C., a town smaller in size than Port Angeles, bike related tourism generated almost \$10 million in revenue in 2016<sup>1</sup>. Some may be resistant to more traffic and tourism in our community but I think the general good and significant resources that it brings with it will outweigh any negatives.

Please reach out to me with any concerns or questions you may have about this great addition to our community.

Matt Kiddle  
360-506-8802

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.piquenewsmagazine.com/whistler/updated-sea-to-sky-mountain-bike-tourism-numbers-released-at-symposium/Content?oid=4537588>

5/20/2020

City of Port Angeles  
321 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

To Whom It May Concern,

The purpose of this letter is to show support for the building of the proposed pump track.

There are many reasons why building the pump track would benefit the city. Firstly, it would be an excellent, family friendly place for people of all ages to learn a new skill, practice biking skills, and participate in a healthy activity. Secondly, because it would be associated with the UCI, it would draw both competitors and race watchers to the area. This would stimulate the local economy and draw more visitors to the area on a regular basis. Lastly, having a pump track in Port Angeles would be a welcome addition to the other trail systems in the area. The pump track would complete the variety of biking options available in the area.

As one can see, building a pump track would greatly benefit the city. Please consider this proposal.

Sincerely,

Megan Lindley

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Megan Lindley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.



Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

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## Pump Track Proposal

1 message

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**mw** <cyanomeshell@yahoo.com>

Wed, May 20, 2020 at 1:01 PM

To: "catharine.copass@gmail.com" <catharine.copass@gmail.com>

Hey Cath! Thank you for all your efforts! xoxo Meshell

Dear City of Port Angeles,

I am writing this letter in response to Catharine Copass. She is a well recognized advocate in the Port Angeles Biking community. I want to let you know that as a mountain biker myself, I fully support having a Velosolutions Pump Track in this community. It not only would provide a place for bikes, but skateboards, scooters, roller blades and anything with wheels for people to enjoy. I am constantly amazed at how hard "Cath" and several other people in the community bring together, friends and family, not only from this community but from all over the world. She strives in providing, encouraging and organizing people from all ages to come together with a similar passion... to be outdoors on wheels. She is an amazing hardworking woman that not only provides her 2 boys with biking experiences but many many others as well.

Please help in her efforts of building a stronger community, not only for Port Angeles, but for the health and well being of being outdoors with a community.

Sincerely,

Michele Whittaker

Nancy Kohn  
216 Happy Valley Road  
Sequim, WA 98382

20 May, 2020

City of Port Angeles  
321 E 5th Street  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear City of Port Angeles:

I am writing in support of a pumptrack facility in Port Angeles. It is a huge benefit to our community to have accessible outdoor activities for people of all ages, especially when it is adjacent to other facilities serving a range of age groups (Dream Playground, skate park, Civic Field). The north Olympic Peninsula is gaining a reputation as a destination for mountain biking, and BMX biking near the airport has only grown in popularity even though it has been available for decades. A pumptrack would give local kids a chance to learn and practice new bike skills, meet others who enjoy the sport, and learn about local BMX, trail riding, and downhill mountain biking opportunities. A pumptrack is a natural extension of the active outdoor lifestyle that is Port Angeles, one that especially serves its youth. Let's help kids of ALL ages!

Sincerely,

Nancy Kohn



Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pump track**

1 message

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**frank parry** <fparrywinkle@gmail.com>

Tue, May 12, 2020 at 6:11 PM

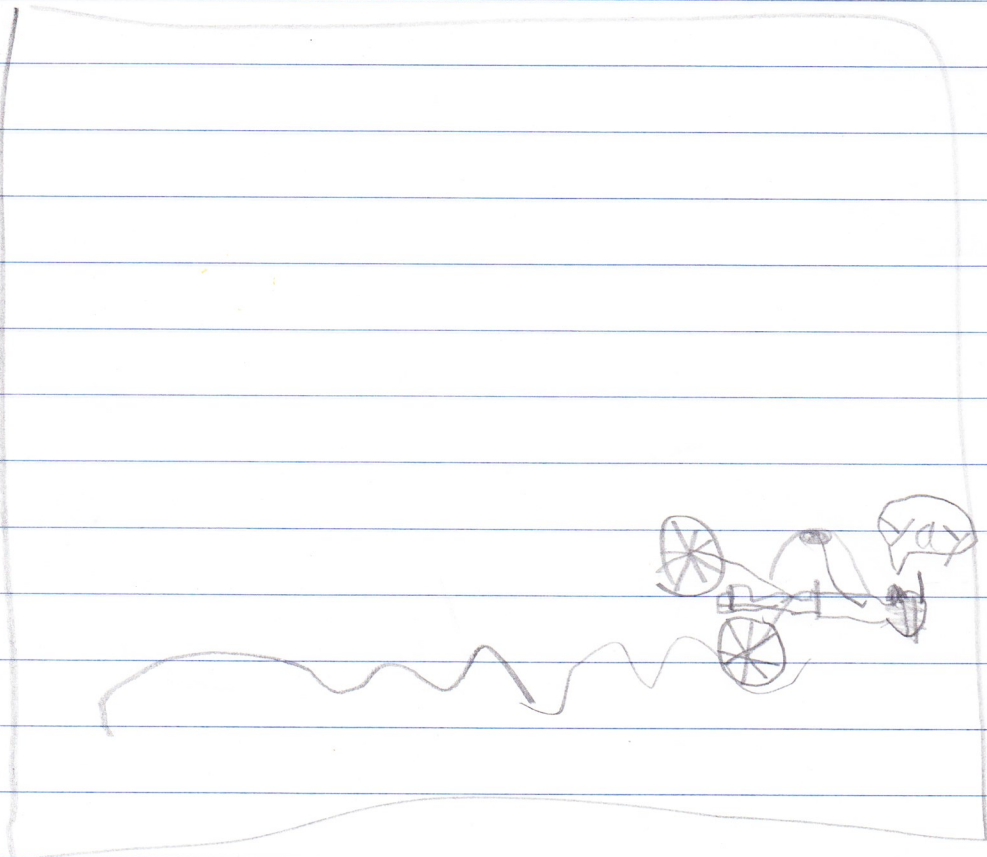
To: "catharine.copass@gmail.com" &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

I read a little Facebook article about a pump track in Port Angeles, and just want to give my vote, I think that would be a great addition to the limited amount of outdoor activities available for our youth in the area. 👍👍



Dear City of PA

please build a pump  
track. I really want  
one. 4 from: Miles  
Franklin. Age 7

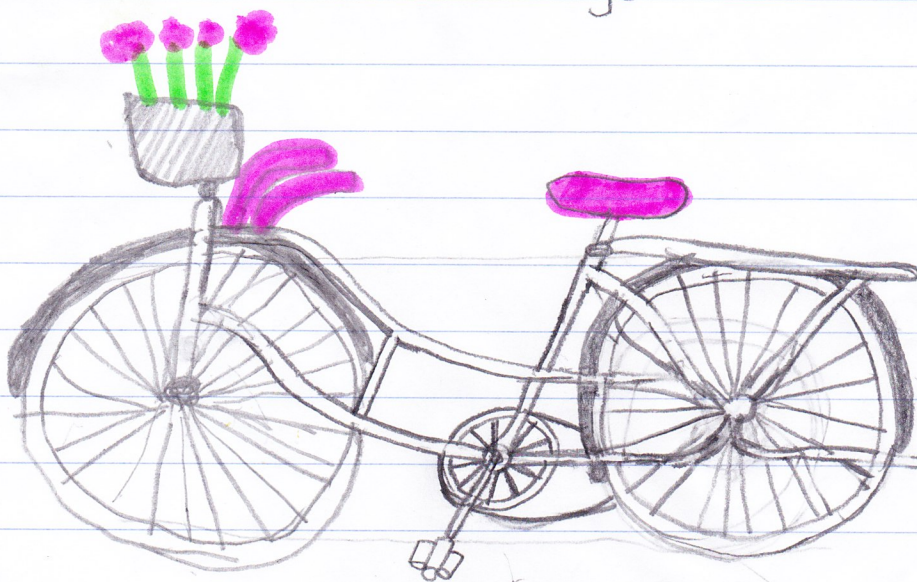


# PUMP TRACK

Dear City of Port Angeles,  
My name is Stella Fradkin, and I am writing this note to ask for a pump track at Erickson playfield next to the skate park. I really enjoy riding my bike, and would like it even more if I could ride it on the pumptrack.

best wishes in these hard times.

- Stella age 10





Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pumptrack support**

1 message

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**Sara Cendejas-Zarelli** <cendejaszarelli.s@gmail.com>  
To: Catharine.copass@gmail.com

Tue, May 19, 2020 at 3:06 PM

Hey Cath, please forward on this email of support. Thanks for all your effort!!

To whom it may concern,

I feel strongly that adding recreational infrastructure to Port Angeles would benefit the local community as well as attract tourists and increase revenue. I think a pump track is an excellent example of this type of infrastructure and fully support it's funding and construction.

Thank you,  
Sara  
Sent from my iPhone



Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pump track**

1 message

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**steve@mattoxconsulting.com** <steve@mattoxconsulting.com>  
To: Catharine.Copass@gmail.com

Thu, May 14, 2020 at 1:39 PM

I am Steve Gaither and my 2- 15year old kids and I ride BMX. We are members of a Canadian/USA team called Chase the Race BMX for life. There is lots of interest in pump tracts. It would be a great thing to have here. We are on our way to Port Orchard today to ride, with social distancing. I have the track for one hr. for just us. I know riders would come from all over western Washington to play on a pump track. The benefit for our local kids would be incredible. I am 66 yrs. Old and would be on it with them. I can not put a dollar amount on outdoor physical activity for our kids. I could go on and on, but I think you got the picture we and our team are all for this and hope it can happen.



Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pump Track**

1 message



**Stacy Hodgson** <stacylynn00@gmail.com>

Wed, May 13, 2020 at 2:24 PM

To: "catharine.copass@gmail.com" &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

I am writing this to share my excitement on hearing about the possibility of a new pump track coming to our little town. I first heard about this a few months ago before all the craziness and we shot over to Leavenworth to try out the one there. It was SO much fun and the whole family had a blast ! I Would love to volunteer my time in whatever way I can to help make this a reality ! Here is a video of us at the Leavenworth track

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5/17/2020

To Whom it May Concern,

I highly support the construction of a pump track in Port Angeles. A large reason my family and I are so in love with Port Angeles is because of the numerous bike trails available to us (Dry Hill, Adventure Trail, Colville). Biking gets us exercise, outdoor time and quality friend time all at once. However, since the birth of our daughter a year and a half ago we've lost a lot of our ability to get out on many of our favorite trails because of the time commitment they require. A pump track would allow us to reclaim our health and sanity by providing us a more convenient venue for family friendly exercise and social time.

Suzanne Sproul



Catharine Copass &lt;catharine.copass@gmail.com&gt;

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**Re: BMX Pump Track!**

1 message

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**Sonny Turner** <sonnyturner74@yahoo.com>  
To: catharine.copass@gmail.com

Wed, May 13, 2020 at 12:58 PM

As a life long citizen of Port Angeles & a long time BMX rider (whom helped build the original Lincoln Park BMX Track!) I would like to show my support to "Lincoln Park BMX Track" members in the process of breaking ground on the new BMX Pump Track to be built at the Dream Playground! My Wife & I have done Foster Care for 13yrs. & have had several kids that have Participated in BMX Racing at the Lincoln Park Track! & currently have one that is very into it! It has been a great experience for them & has helped keep them on Track! (No Pun intended) Jason Groves & all the guys are great with the kids in showing support to them! Thank you for taking the time to read my Support letter!

Thank You: Sonny Turner!

Sent from my iPhone

to P.A. City Council



I really want a pump  
track

Theo Lee<sup>6</sup>



May 7<sup>th</sup> 2020

To the city of Port Angeles,

I am writing about the grant for the Velo Solutions pump track. I think that it would be a good addition to Port Angeles. I think it would help more people get into biking because it would be in town where kids could ride to it. Pump tracks are very fun and can be used with regular bikes. I am eleven years old. I do BMX and mountain biking. It is the biggest thing in my life, and I would love to have a pump track.

Sincerely,

Zephyr Thompson